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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6181

INFO AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

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DEPT PASS PEACE CORPS AND AID

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, PORS, SL

SUBJ: NOMINATION DAY IN BO

REF: FREETOWN 2926

1. NOMINATION DAY IN BO, SEPTEMBER 19, BEGAN WITH VIOLENCE DESPITE THE PRESENCE OF LARGE CONTINGENTS OF SECURITY FORCES, BUT BY NOON LOCAL TIME THE SITUATION WAS REPORTED TO BE CALM. DEMONSTRATIONS BY SLPP SUPPORTERS PROVOKED POLICE INTO FIRING IN THE AIR TO CLEAR THE STREETS AND LED TO A LARGE NUMBER OF ARRESTS. THE FREETOWN RUMOR MILL IS CIRCULATING A STORY THAT OPPOSITION SLPP CANDIDATES WERE ARRESTED TO PREVENT THEM FILING THEIR NOMINATIONS. SO FAR WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION THIS IS TRUE.

2. AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER WENT TO BO SEPTEMBER 14-15 TO WARN U.S. CITIZENS TO STOCK UP ON FOOD AND WATER AND STAY AT HOME NOMINATION DAY AND PEACE
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CORPS WITHDREW ALL BUT TWO OF ITS VOLUNTEERS FROM THE DISTRICT. CARE AND OICI CLOSED THEIR OFFICES AS SOON AS THE VIOLENCE BEGAN AND SENT ALL EMPLOYEES HOME. ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE DISTRICT APPEAR TO BE SAFE.

3. WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.
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